

AGENDA

THE MEETING OF THE

DISABILITY PROCEDURES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE and

BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

**300 North Lake Avenue, 8th Floor Board Room
Pasadena, CA 91101**

July 2, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. **

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Marvin Adams, Chair
Les Robbins, Vice Chair
Yves Chery
Vivian Gray
William de la Garza, Alternate

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2014

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. **DISABILITY RETIREMENT SERVICES - A Successful Partnership**
Ricki Contreras, Manager
Disability Retirement Services

B. **TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION OF DISABILITY OPERATION**
James Pu, Chief Information Officer

C. **DISCUSSION ON ROY CAPUTO, M.D.**
(at the request of Mr. Kehoe)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For information purposes only)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY PROCEDURES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
and
Board of Retirement**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
GATEWAY PLAZA - 300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

July 2, 2014 10:59 A.M. – 11:52 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Marvin Adams, Chair
Les Robbins, Vice Chair
Yves Chery
Vivian Gray
William de la Garza, Alternate

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Alan Bernstein
Ron Okum
Dave Muir
William Pryor

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Eugenia Der
Frank Boyd
Steve Tallant
JJ Popowich
Jorja Frank
Robb Van Der Volgen
Vincent Lim
James Pu
Gregg Rademacher
Ricki Contreras
James Beasley

Eddie Paz
Francisco Jaranilla
Maisha Coulter
Barbara Tuncay
Barry Lew
Debra Martin
Tamara Caldwell
Angie Guerrero
Russell Lurina
Justin Stewart
Danny Hang

Anna Kwan
Ricardo Salinas
Karla Sarni
Penelope Huerta
Vickie Neely
Debbie Semnarian
Darren Huey
Hernan Barrientos
Maria Muro
Kerri Wilson

ATTORNEYS
Thomas J. Wicke
Allison Barrett

GUEST SPEAKER
NONE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Adams at 10:59 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 2, 2014

Mr. Chery motioned and Mr. Robbins seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 2, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. DISABILITY RETIREMENT SERVICES - A Successful Partnership
Ricki Contreras, Manager
Disability Retirement Services

Mr. Robbins made an inquiry regarding the processing time for Disability cases processed for the year 2001 to 2006. Ms. Contreras will follow up with staff regarding the processing time for 2001 through 2006.

For case 18 months or older, Mr. Muir and Mr. Chery stated it would be helpful for staff to include a timeline outlining when certain milestones throughout the investigation occurred. This will help the Board understand why and where the case was delayed and how long certain processes take.

Mr. De la Garza advised staff he would like to see a standard report from all LACERA doctors. He recommended that the doctors use bullet points in their reports or change the format required from the doctors. These changes will make it is easier to read and review.

Mr. Pryor recommended that the LACERA panel of physicians submit an annual update online. The update will give the physicians information on report writing, submissions, changes in the law, etc.

B. TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION OF DISABILITY OPERATION
James Pu, Chief Information Officer

Mr. Bernstein advised Mr. Pu that he finds it difficult to manipulate case files on a iPad. Mr. Pu advised the Committee that staff is working on a solution that will meet the Board needs (manipulate files, take notes, flag documents, etc.) when receiving case files, etc.

C. DISCUSSION ON ROY CAPUTO, M.D.
(at the request of Mr. Kehoe)

Staff advised the Committee in the absence of Mr. Kehoe they would like to postpone item C until the next Committee meeting on August 4, 2014.

V. MISCELLANEOUS (Discussion)

Mr. Muir asked staff and the Committee if Referee Perea was still on the Hearing Officer panel and that he had some concerns regarding the his reports. Mrs. Frank advised the Committee that she has been monitoring the Referee files and has addressed the problems by taking the referees off rotation, reducing invoices per late submissions, notifying the referees on specific issues, etc.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Disability Procedures and Services Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

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